

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Norio KURITA et al.)	Confirmation No.: 4933
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U.S. Application No.: 10/582,332)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Filed: June 9, 2006)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: LASER PROCESSING DEVICE)	

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND SUBMISSION OF
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Enclosed is an English-language translation of an International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP), including PCT/IB/373 and English translation of PCT/ISA/237, dated August 3, 2006 that issued in a related PCT/JP2004/018157 application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the IPRP as it relates to the above-identified application.

Further, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. The relevance of the attached foreign language documents can be understood from the attached English-language abstract also enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by

making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

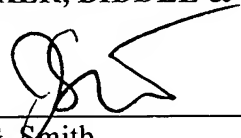
Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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